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'DEATH TO ENGLAND'



Iranian hard-liners storm the British Embassy in Tehran to protest tough new nuclear sanctions **8**

Riot police in Iran try to prevent protesters from approaching the British Embassy on Tuesday in a scene similar to the attack on the U.S. Embassy in Tehran in 1979.1979.

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PROBABILITY

Quick, Call a Statistician to Suck All the Fun From This!

An Atlanta man has won his second Georgia Lottery prize. Delma Kinney, 50, recently won \$1 million playing the instant game Super Millions. In 2008, Kinney won \$1 million playing another instant game. Kinney says he bought the ticket at a Chevron Food Mart when he went out to buy cold medicine. (AP)

TOO BAD

Authorities Foil Scheme to Turn Town Into Speakeasy

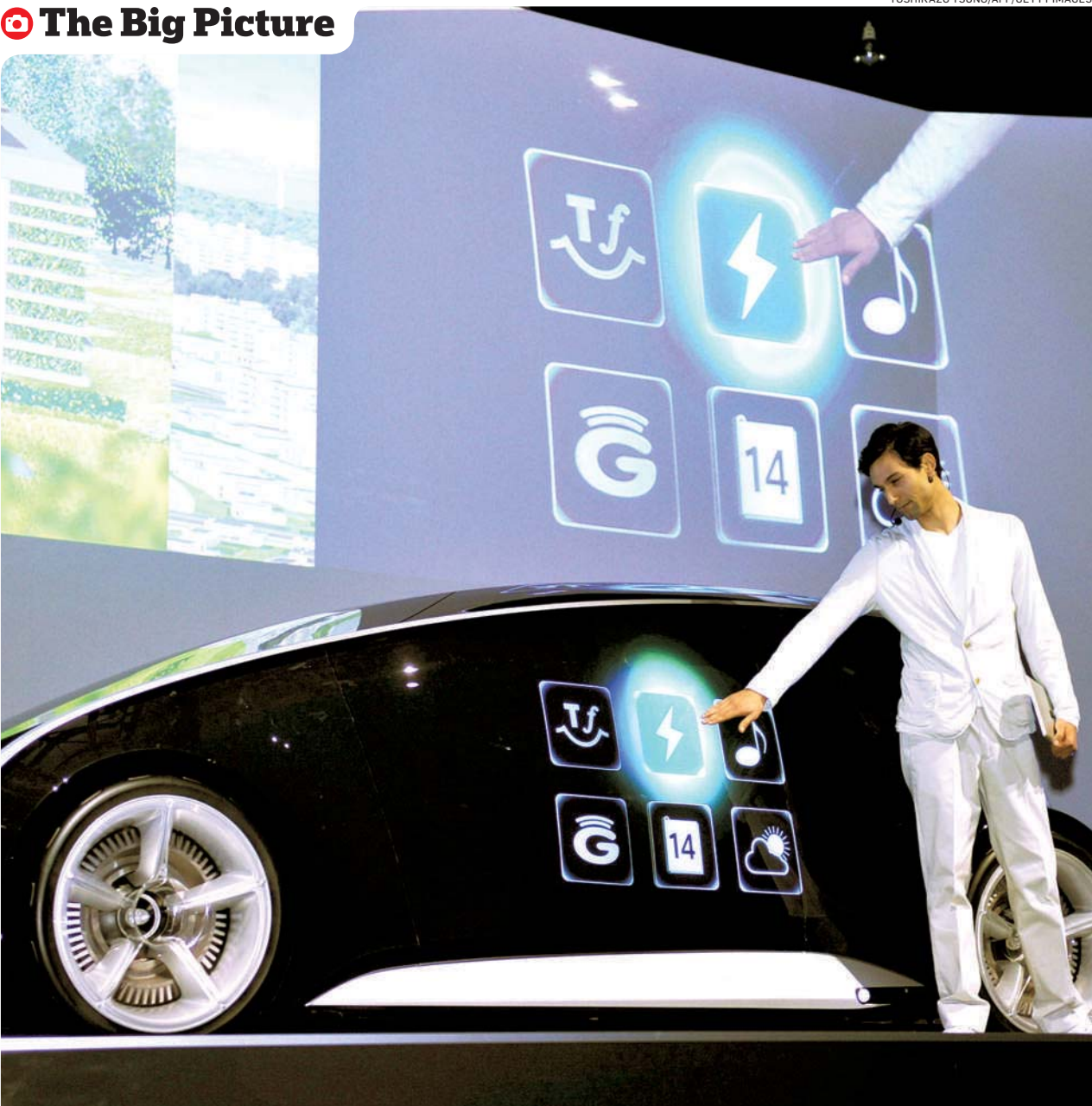
Something with a stronger kick than water was being produced at a water treatment plant in Groton, Mass. A department employee had set up a still and was making moonshine on town property. The employee was placed on administrative leave and later decided to retire. Authorities say there is no evidence the employee was drinking on the job. (AP)

TIE-BREAKING

Why? Because It's Arbitrary.

The man with the lowest number won. Democrat Joseph Claar and Republican Edward Helsel were tied with 221 votes each in the Nov. 8 election for Greenfield Township, Pa., supervisor. Both candidates met with elections officials on Monday. Each picked one of several sealed envelopes containing a sheet with a number on it, with the understanding that the low number would win. Helsel drew 12 and Claar drew an 8. (AP)

The Big Picture



CAN IT MAKE RUDE GESTURES? A model demonstrates a Toyota "Fun-Vii" — which can display various graphics on the interior or exterior of the three-seater vehicle, such as a change of body color and design sent by a smartphone — in Tokyo on Monday. (GETTY)



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American Airlines' bankruptcy mars its once-storied history

Business

American Airlines used to bill itself as "something special in the air," and it was.

It was the first airline to offer curbside check-in. The first with computerized reservations. It invented the frequent-flier program and came up with the deeply discounted Super Saver fare to fill empty seats on its planes.

But it was disastrously behind on one thing — recognizing that its finances were unsustainable. On Tuesday, the company filed Chapter 11 papers with a New York fed-

eral bankruptcy court. AMR Corp., American's parent company, was \$29.6 billion in debt and had only \$24.7 billion in assets. In the past decade, other airlines cut expenses in bankruptcy reorganizations. American plodded along with high labor costs and aging, gas-guzzling

jets. Other airlines found merger partners. American was left with little spare cash to make improvements or take risks.

Some of American's 78,000 workers will almost certainly lose their jobs or have their pay or pensions cut. Its creditors will lose

Little to No Impact

For most of the 240,000 passengers who fly American Airlines each day, the bankruptcy filing should have little noticeable impact. American continues to operate flights, honor tickets and take reservations. It says its frequent-flier program will be unaffected. Thomas W. Horton, who will replace Gerard Arpey as CEO, said American will probably cut flights "modestly" while it reorganizes. Many experts predict American will emerge stronger, though it is too early to say when or how. (AP)

money. And its stockholders will be wiped out. The stock, which traded above \$40 in 2007, closed Tuesday at 33 cents.

"They were the most innovative airline for years," says George Hobica, who runs Airfare Watchdog, a site that alerts fliers to discount fares. "They're a shadow of their former self." SCOTT MAYEROWITZ (AP)

In Brief

NEW YORK

'Cyber Monday' Breaks Online Shopping Record

Online shoppers spent record amounts on "Cyber Monday," making it the biggest online shopping day in history. Online sales rose 22 percent to \$1.25 billion when retailers ramp up online promotions, according to research company comScore Inc. A year ago, sales topped \$1 billion for the first time. (AP)

MIAMI

U.S. Widow to Get \$2.5M For 2001 Anthrax Attack

More than a decade after tabloid photo editor Robert Stevens became the first victim of the 2001 anthrax attacks, the U.S. government has agreed to pay his widow and family \$2.5 million to settle their lawsuit, according to documents released Tuesday. (AP)

NEW YORK

Facebook Settles FTC Privacy Complaint

Facebook has settled a complaint by the Federal Trade Commission that the social networking giant deceived consumers by promising privacy protections while it shared and made user data more public. The company will not face monetary fines but has agreed to change its privacy policy to first ask users' permission when it changes the way it shares data. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

A Brief History American Airlines

1930

American Airways is incorporated. The company includes several small airmail contractors. Becomes American Airlines Inc. in 1934.

1979

American undertakes a major route expansion after deregulation of the airline industry. American moves its headquarters from New York to Fort Worth, Texas.

1981

American introduces AAdvantage, the first frequent-flier program.

2001


January: American says it will buy the assets of Trans World Airlines (TWA). **Sept. 11:** Terrorist attacks include the crashes of two American Airlines jets. A sharp travel downturn begins, eventually leading to bankruptcy filings from other major airlines, though not American.

2003

American narrowly avoids bankruptcy after workers agree to sharp pay cuts.


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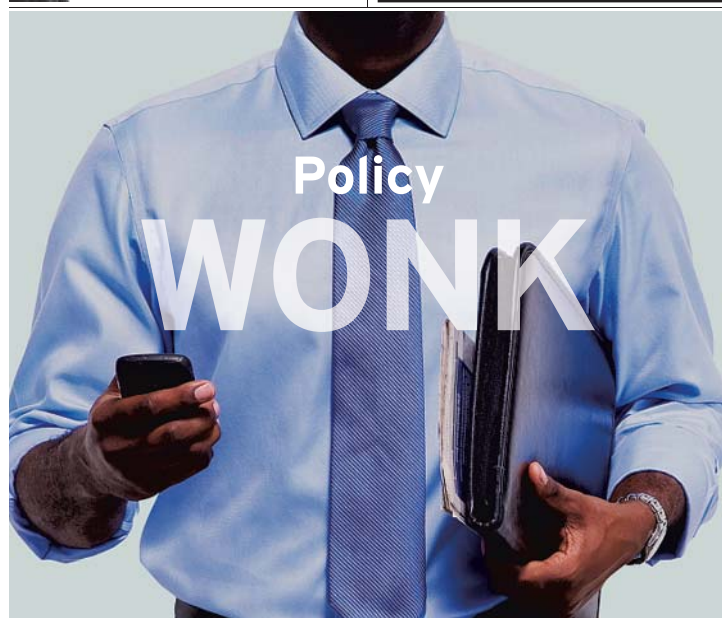
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Cain Rethinks Campaign

After new allegations, candidate waits for supporters' response

Atlanta

Herman Cain told aides Tuesday he is assessing whether the latest allegations of inappropriate sexual behavior against him "create too much of a cloud" for his GOP presidential candidacy to go forward.

Acknowledging the "firestorm" arising from an accusation of infidelity, Cain only committed to keeping his campaign schedule for the next several days, in a conference call with his senior staff.

"If a decision is made different than to plow ahead, you all will be the first to know," he said, according to a transcript of the call made by the National Review, which listened to the conversation.

It was the first time doubts about Cain's continued candidacy



GREG BLUESTEIN/AP

Backstory

On Monday, Ginger White said that her affair with Herman Cain ended not long before he announced his candidacy for the White House. Cain flatly denied White's claims. White has been accused of lying before. A former business partner, Kimberly Vay, filed a libel suit in June as part of a larger business dispute with White. A state judge ruled in favor of Vay because White failed to respond to the suit. White's attorney, Edward Buckley, said White thought the libel claim had been settled. (AP)

had surfaced from the candidate himself. As recently as Tuesday morning, a campaign spokesman had stated unequivocally that Cain would not quit.

Cain denied anew that he had an extramarital affair with Ginger White, the Georgia woman who went public a day earlier with allegations they had been intimate for 13 years. "It was just a friendship relationship," he said on the call, according to the transcript. "That

being said, obviously, this is a cause for reassessment."

He went on: "With this latest one, we have to do an assessment as to whether or not this is going to create too much of a cloud, in some people's minds, as to whether or not they would be able to support us going forth."

Meanwhile, the Draft Herman Cain PAC changed its name to the Beat Obama Political Action Committee on Tuesday. RAY HENRY (AP)

Hearsay



"Those who are going to be over 21 on November 12th, I ask for your support. Those who won't be, just work hard."

— **GOP PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFUL RICK PERRY**, MISTAKING THE U.S. VOTING AGE TUESDAY DURING A TOWN HALL MEETING AT THE INSTITUTE OF POLITICS AT NEW HAMPSHIRE'S SAINT ANSELM'S COLLEGE.

Official: Murray to Serve 2 Years

Los Angeles

Sheriff's officials say the doctor sentenced to four years in jail for causing Michael Jackson's death will serve a little less than two years behind bars.

Sheriff's spokeswoman Nicole Nishida says Dr. Conrad Murray will be housed in a one-man cell and kept away from other prisoners. She says the doctor's involuntary manslaughter sentence is automatically being cut in half due to state laws.

Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor sentenced Murray to the maximum four-year term after delivering blistering remarks.

"Dr. Murray created a set of circumstances and became involved



MARIO ANZUNZI/AP

Dr. Conrad Murray reacts after his sentencing Tuesday in Los Angeles.

..... in a cycle of horrible medicine," the judge said.

Michael Jackson's family told Pastor they were not seeking revenge but wanted the doctor who killed the superstar to receive a stiff sentence that served as a warning to opportunistic doctors.

ANTHONY MCCARTNEY (AP)

25% **The amount of Americans with HIV** who have the infection under control with medications, according to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study released Tuesday. Nearly 1.2 million people in the U.S. have HIV. (AP)



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Pressure Builds on Europe for Debt Fix

\$10.7B loan to Greece OK'd amid efforts to protect the euro

Brussels

Eurozone ministers threw a life-line to Greece on Tuesday as they scrambled to prevent financial chaos from spreading and driving Europe's common euro currency into a catastrophic breakup.

The monthly meeting of 17 nations was dominated by attempts to keep Greece afloat and find enough money to coat a veneer of credibility over Europe's rescue

fund, which is supposed to be a firewall against financial contagion, needs to be expanded from \$587 billion to something like \$1.3 trillion.

Markets rose for the second day Tuesday on hopes that the enormous pressures on the ministers would produce some results.

The finance ministers approved the next installment of Greece's bailout loan — \$10.7 billion. Without that money, Greece would have run out of cash before Christmas, unable to pay employees or provide services. Two officials in Brussels reported the development.

The installment is part of a

\$150 billion bailout from eurozone nations and the International Monetary Fund that Greece has been dependent on since May 2010.

Officials at the meeting discussed ideas that until recently were taboo: countries ceding budgetary sovereignty to a central authority — EU headquarters.

Strengthening financial governance is being touted as one way the eurozone can escape its debt crisis, which has forced Greece, Ireland and Portugal into bailouts and threatens to engulf Italy, the eurozone's third-largest economy.

An even more radical solution was proposed Tuesday by the head

"I will probably be the first Polish foreign minister in history to say so, but here it is: I fear German power less than I am beginning to fear German inactivity."

— **RADEK SIKORSKI**, POLAND'S FOREIGN MINISTER, ON TUESDAY URGING GERMANY, EUROPE'S LARGEST ECONOMY, TO DO MORE TO HELP THE EUROZONE WEATHER ITS DEEPENING DEBT CRISIS.

of Germany's exporters association: urging Greece and Portugal to leave the eurozone.

Countries outside the eurozone heaped on the pressure, fearing drastic consequences if the euro were to fail. Bank lending would freeze worldwide, stock markets would likely crash, European economies would go into a freefall and the U.S. and Asia would take a big hit as their exports to Europe collapsed.

The task of agreeing on grand changes that might save the eurozone will likely fall to leaders attending a Dec. 9 summit in Brussels. **DON MELVIN AND GREG KELLER (AP)**

In Brief

ABIDJAN, IVORY COAST

Ousted Ivory Coast Chief Extradited to ICC



Gbagbo

Ivory Coast's former strongman, who nearly dragged his country into civil war in a bid to retain power, is being extradited to the International Criminal

Court after the issue of a warrant for his arrest, his spokesman said Tuesday. Laurent Gbagbo had been under house arrest since being ousted by international forces seven months ago. (AP)

ORANJESTAD, ARUBA

Md. Man Up for Release In Disappearance Case

U.S. businessman Gary Giordano, 50, of Gaithersburg, Md., was scheduled to leave jail in Aruba on Tuesday while prosecutors in the Dutch Caribbean island try to put him back behind bars as a suspect in the Aug. 2 disappearance of his traveling companion, Robyn Gardner, 35, of Frederick, Md. Prosecutors have appealed his release, but the hearing on their request is not scheduled until Wednesday. (AP)

Egypt Tallies Votes in Historic Election



TARA TODRAS-WHITEHILL/AP

ELECTION WORKERS COUNT BALLOTS Tuesday in Cairo at the close of Egypt's initial round of parliamentary elections, the first since Hosni Mubarak's ouster in February. Maj. Gen. Ismail Etman, a member of the ruling military council, estimated the turnout for the two days of polling to be 70 percent. Protesters in Tahrir Square warn the ruling council, which was quick to take credit for the seemingly smooth and successful vote, will try to use the success to cement its hold on power.



Vaccine Rush Ahead? The world should get ready for a new Made in China product: vaccines. China's vaccine makers are gearing up over the next few years to push exports in a move that should lower costs of immunizations and provide major competition for Western pharmaceutical companies. The effort will be a "game changer," said Nina Schwalbe of the GAVI Alliance, which buys vaccines for 50 million children a year worldwide. (AP)

Detainees Mistreated, Libya Says

Tripoli, Libya

Libya's new government said Tuesday that some prisoners held by revolutionary forces have been abused, but insisted the mistreatment was not systematic and pledged to tackle the problem.

The acknowledgment comes a day after the U.N. released a report detailing alleged torture in lockups controlled by the forces that overthrew dictator Moammar Gadhafi. The report says that revolutionaries hold about 7,000 people, many of them sub-Saharan Africans who are in some cases accused of being mercenaries hired by Gadhafi.

Libya's leaders are eager to assure the world of their commitment to democracy and human rights.

Meanwhile, Gadhafi's daughter, Aisha, in a possible violation of the terms of her exile in Algeria, urged Libyans to overthrow their new rulers in a broadcast Tuesday, the end of 40-day mourning period after Gadhafi's death. (AP)

CRIME

Public Justice

The best way to stop Balkan crime bosses is to hit them where it hurts, Serbia decided, so officials are taking away their valuables and putting them to better use: A drug lord's former villa is now home to children on cancer therapy, for example, and gangsters' cars are in the hands of the police. Under pressure to clamp down on organized crime to join the EU, Serbia has seized about \$500 million in assets in nearly three years. Officials said Tuesday said they are proud of the progress. (AP)



Norway Shooter Declared Insane

Oslo, Norway

Confessed mass killer Anders Behring Breivik belongs in psychiatric care instead of prison, prosecutors in Norway said Tuesday after a mental evaluation declared him legally insane during a bomb-and-shooting rampage that killed 77 people this summer.

The court-ordered assessment found that the self-styled anti-Muslim militant was psychotic during the July 22 attacks, which would make him mentally unfit to be convicted and imprisoned for Norway's worst peacetime massacre.

The report, written by two psychiatrists, will be reviewed by a forensic panel before an Oslo court

Backstory



Anders Behring Breivik, 32, has confessed to setting off a bomb in Oslo, Norway, on July 22, killing eight

people, then opening fire at the governing Labor Party's youth summer camp on Utoya island, killing 69 people. He denies criminal guilt. (AP)

rules on his mental state.

Their conclusions surprised many outside experts and contrasted with earlier comments by the head of the review panel, who said in late July that it was unlikely that

Breivik would be declared insane because the attacks were so carefully planned and executed.

But prosecutors said the report describes a paranoid schizophrenic living in a "delusional universe."

In Norway, an insanity defense requires that a defendant be in a state of psychosis while committing the crime. That means the defendant has lost contact with reality to the point that he's no longer in control of his own actions.

Breivik's trial is set to begin in April. If declared mentally fit and convicted of terrorism, he would face up to 21 years in prison or an alternative custody deal that could keep him behind bars indefinitely. (AP)

Hearsay



"Phone hacking is a perfectly acceptable tool given the sacrifices we make, if all we are trying to do is get to the truth."

— PAUL MCMULLAN, A FORMER NEWS OF THE WORLD JOURNALIST, DEFENDING THE PRACTICE IN BRITAIN'S MEDIA ETHICS INQUIRY. THE U.K. TABLOID FOLDED THIS SUMMER AFTER A SCANDAL EXPLODED OVER REPORTS OF HACKING.

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Cover Story

'Spy Den'

"Death to England!" some cried outside the British compound on Tuesday in the first significant assault of a foreign diplomatic area in Iran in years. Inside the compound, protesters replaced the British flag with a banner in the name of 7th-century Shiite saint, Imam Hussein. One man showed a picture of Queen Elizabeth II apparently taken off a wall. Chants called for the closure of the embassy and called it a "spy den" — the same phrase used after militants stormed the U.S. Embassy in Tehran after the 1979 Islamic revolution. (AP)



"For rioters to essentially be able to overrun the embassy and set it on fire is an indication that the Iranian government is not taking its international obligations seriously."



— PRESIDENT OBAMA, CONDEMNING IRAN'S SLOW RESPONSE TO HUNDREDS OF PROTESTERS ATTACKING THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN TEHRAN ON TUESDAY.

Riot police initially clashed with mobs in attempts to hold them back, but protesters surged past cordons and scaled the walls at the embassy complex, which they pelted with petrol bombs and stones. Flames shot out of a sport utility vehicle parked outside the brick building and occupiers tossed papers apparently looted from an office.

It was not immediately clear Tuesday whether the protesters entered the main embassy building or only reached auxiliary sites. In another part of Tehran, the official IRNA news agency said about 300 protesters entered a complex used for embassy staff and other officials and replaced British flags with Iranian ones.

Iranian media said six workers were detained by protesters at that site — with some describing them as hostages — but the semiofficial Fars news agency said they were released after negotiations with police. Their nationalities were not given. Britain's Foreign Secretary William Hague downplayed suggestions of a hostage situation, saying there had been "confusing" reports coming out of Iran.

By nightfall — more than three hours after the assaults began — Iranian authorities appeared to have regained control of both British compounds. But sporadic clashes persisted, including some where police fired tear gas to disperse crowds, according to Fars. Some protesters were arrested, it said.

Iran's state TV said Iran's Foreign Ministry expressed regret about "unacceptable behavior" of protesters, saying Iran respects international agreements to protect diplomatic sites. (AP)

Iran Rages at U.K.

Protesters assault British Embassy as ties deteriorate due to recent sanctions

Tehran, Iran

Hard-line Iranian protesters stormed British diplomatic compounds Tuesday, hauling down the Union Jack, torching an embassy vehicle and pelting buildings with petrol bombs in what began as an apparent state-approved show of anger over the latest Western sanctions to punish Tehran for defiance over its nuclear program.

The hours-long assault on the British Embassy and a residential complex for staff — in chaotic scenes reminiscent of the seizing of the U.S. Embassy in 1979 — could push already frayed diplomatic ties toward the breaking point.

Iran's parliament approved a bill Sun-

Strained Relations

Iran's tensions with Britain date back to the 19th century, when the Persian monarchy gave huge industrial concessions to London, which later included significant control over Iran's oil industry. American relations with the country have also notably been troubled, too. A few major examples:

1953 In 1953, Britain and the U.S. helped organize a coup that overthrew a nationalist prime minister and restored the pro-Western shah to power.



1979 On Nov. 4, 1979, about 500 Iranian students seized the U.S. Embassy in Tehran along with about 90 hostages, including up to 65 Americans. Six Americans escaped. The Iranian hostage crisis lasted 444 days until Jan. 20, 1981, when 52 remaining U.S. hostages were freed.

2007 In 2007, Iran detained 15 British sailors and marines for allegedly entering the country's territorial waters in the Gulf — a claim Britain denies. The 15 were released after nearly two weeks in captivity. (AP)

day to downgrade relations with Britain, one of America's closest allies with diplomatic envoys in Tehran.

Calling Tuesday's attack "outrageous and indefensible," British Prime Minister David Cameron said that Iran's failure to defend the embassy and its staff was a disgrace and would have "serious consequences." He said all embassy staff had been accounted for and praised Britain's ambassador to Iran for handling a "dangerous situation with calm and professionalism."

Sorting out who to blame may be difficult. The late-afternoon demonstration outside the British Embassy was organized by pro-government groups at universities and Islamic seminaries, and could not have taken place without official sanction. However, such anti-Western rallies often draw ultraconservative factions such as the basiji, a paramilitary group run by the powerful Revolutionary Guard that is directly controlled by Iran's ruling theocracy.



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Metro Mulls Another Fare Hike

Transit authority may increase fees to help with \$124M shortfall

Transit

Metro riders could see a fare hike next year as the transit authority faces a projected \$124 million shortfall.

The preliminary operating budget for fiscal year 2013, which starts July 1, estimates revenue will drop \$3 million to \$809 million and expenses will rise \$121 million to \$1.5 billion. If area jurisdictions that help fund Metro don't make up the difference, Metro would have to look elsewhere for the money.

Fare increases would be one option. The transit authority last raised rider fees in 2010, when the agency enacted the most expansive increase in its history. Under a 2007 Metro board policy, the authority can raise fares every two years and tie the adjustment to the consumer price index.

"We have to figure out what is an acceptable adjustment for expenditures?" said Tom Downs, a board member from the District. "What's acceptable for the jurisdictions to pay in terms of an increased subsidy when all of the regional players are feeling a lot of pain? What's the balance for a fare number?"

Riders say a fare increase would be unfair, especially after



Grace Littleton buys a farecard in August 2010, the last time Metro raised fares.

GERALD MARTINEAU/TWP

the increases last year.

Benjamin Ross, chairman of the advocacy group Transit First, said the region "manages to find money for all these big road projects," such

as the Intercounty Connector and construction in Northern Virginia, but does not fund transit enough. "There really needs to be a change in priorities," he said. "When the cost goes up you lose riders."

Metro also faces higher expenses. Labor costs are forecast to rise \$22 million. Half of that increase is due to the impact of a 9 percent retroactive wage increase Metro was court-ordered to give its employees, officials said. According to Metro, the rest is due in part to the agency's paying roughly \$8 million a quarter in overtime as the agency pursues an aggressive capital plan to fix the deteriorating rail system. DANA HEDGPETH (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Cell Phone Use While Driving Always Risky, Study Says

Transportation

Though drivers tend to think otherwise, there is no evidence that using a hands-free cellphone device behind the wheel is any safer, according to a report compiled for the Swedish government. The Swedish National Road and Transport Research Institute drew on European and American research from laboratory testing of reaction times and crash statistics.

"Phone conversations lead to longer reaction times. This is the case regardless of phone type," the report said. (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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WASHINGTON

Barry to Run for Third Term as Council Member



Barry

D.C. Council member Marion Barry has filed to run for a third-consecutive term representing the poorest of D.C.'s wards. Barry, 75, a Democrat who served four terms as mayor, filed his declaration Tuesday. He says his top priorities are job training, placement and development. Barry has represented Ward 8 since 2005, when he returned to the Council after six years away from politics. (AP)

LEESBURG, VA.

Zebras Escape From Zoo, Roam Va. Neighborhood

Two zebras from a Leesburg zoo escaped their enclosure and briefly wandered through a residential neighborhood before being captured Monday. No one was injured. Sheriff's deputies worked to keep the zebras safe from traffic until animal control officers could safely capture them using a tranquilizer. The owner of the Leesburg Animal Park says the zebras got loose when two workers not affiliated with the park accidentally left a gate open. (AP)

The Lotteries

Tuesday, Nov. 29

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Evening DC 4 (Mon.) 8-1-8-7
Mid-day D.C. Five 3-6-4-3-4
Evening D.C. Five (Mon.) 5-5-0-5-8

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Mid-day Pick 3 4-4-8
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.) 8-0-8
Mid-day Pick 4 1-3-3-9
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.) 6-0-7-3
Match 5 (Mon.) 4-24-25-30-34 (6)

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Mid-day Pick 4 5-4-4-2
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.) 4-9-1-4
Mid-day Cash 5 (Tues.) 1-12-13-32-33
Evening Cash 5 (Mon.) 6-7-10-18-27

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a claims location. Drawings that occur after Express' deadline will be published two days later.

Gov. Seeks to Shrink Government

McDonnell suggests eliminating agencies, cutting Va. boards

Richmond, Va.

Gov. Robert McDonnell announced Tuesday that he is recommending eliminating two state agencies; cutting 19 boards and commissions; and deregulating three professions.

It's part of his ongoing effort to reshape and shrink state government — one of his signature campaign promises.

McDonnell, a Republican, made the recommendations to the General Assembly. The Department of

Planning and Budget estimates the proposals will save at least \$2 million per year.

McDonnell also issued two executive directives Tuesday to implement the commission's administrative recommendations that will allow for better cooperation among agencies; implement more streamlined purchasing of energy, water, waste and document management services; and provide for a more advanced travel and human resources management system.

"We must strive for a smaller, smarter government that spends the limited taxpayer dollars of our hardworking citizens wisely and prudently," McDonnell



Gov. Robert McDonnell said Tuesday he wants to reshape Virginia's government.

said in a statement. "We must make government more accountable to its owners, the taxpayers."

ANITA KUMAR (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Chopping Block

Here are some of Gov. Robert McDonnell's specific recommendations for state government.

- ▶ Eliminate 2 agencies: Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority (VNDIA), Board of Towing and Recovery Operators (BTRO).
- ▶ Merge 7 agencies into others.
- ▶ Eliminate 19 boards and commissions.
- ▶ Merge 23 boards and commissions to form 11 boards or commissions.
- ▶ Deregulate 3 professions: hair braiders; mold inspectors and remediators; interior designers.

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DIAMOND WHITAKER, LEFT, is the first person in a line of hundreds in front of the Hubbard Place building Tuesday in the 3500 block of 14th Street NW in Columbia Heights to put their names on a waiting list for affordable apartments. About 10 units become available in the federally subsidized 230-unit complex in a given year. The District lost a third of its low-cost rental units from 2000 to 2007, according to a 2010 study by the D.C. Fiscal Policy Institute. **postlocal.com**



Controversial Clothes: The Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture has acquired two robes of the Ku Klux Klan to be shown in its future home on the National Mall. One robe donated Monday comes from the late activist and writer Stetson Kennedy, who died in August six decades after he infiltrated the KKK and exposed its secrets. The museum is scheduled to open in 2015. (AP)

Woman Accused Of Concealing Stillborn Baby

Manassas, Va.

A Maryland woman has been charged with concealing a dead body after police say she buried her apparently stillborn infant in a shallow grave in Virginia.

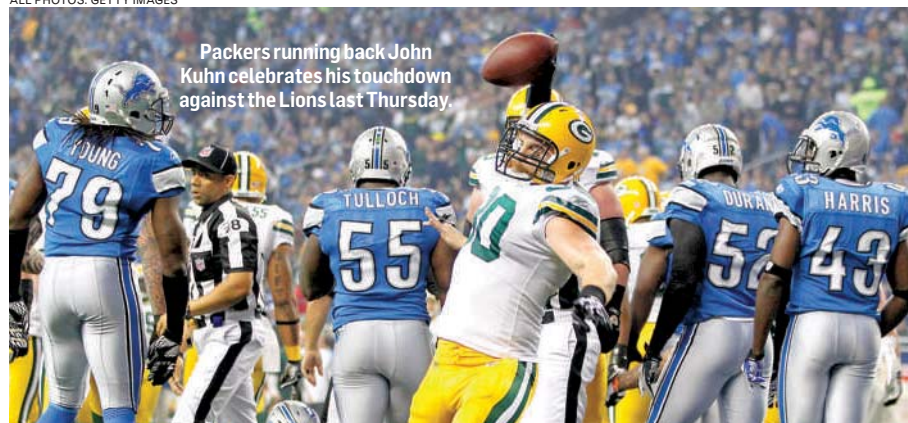
Prince William County police say 27-year-old Lisa Maria Steele of Oxon Hill, Md., gave birth on Sept. 19. Steele says the infant was stillborn.

Five days later, police responded to a trespassing call in the Nokesville area and found Steele. Police then found the infant's body buried in nearby woods.

Last week, Steele turned herself in to Virginia authorities after they obtained an arrest warrant on the concealment charge. Police say further charges are unlikely, because they have no evidence to contradict Steele's claim of a stillbirth. (AP)

Sports

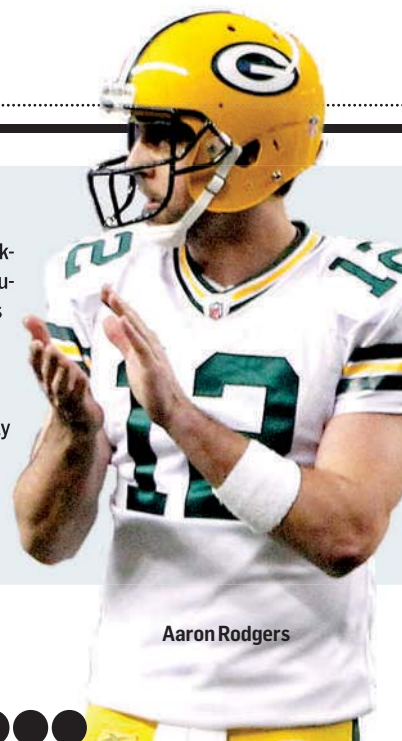
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Packers running back John Kuhn celebrates his touchdown against the Lions last Thursday.

Packers-Patriots Comparison

While there are similarities between this year's Packers and the 2007 Patriots who went undefeated in the regular season, there are differences. Perhaps most notable is how the Patriots blew out teams in the first eight weeks, then were tested severely in the second half of the 2007 schedule, with four victories by four points or less. Thus far, the Packers have only two lopsided wins. That actually might help Green Bay by toughening it for the postseason grind. Remember that the Patriots did not win the NFL title that season, losing to the Giants in the Super Bowl—and being held to a season-low 14 points. (AP)



Aaron Rodgers

The Best of Times...

The Packers have a shot at perfection. The Colts are aiming for anything but.

Pro Football

There is perfection — what the Green Bay Packers are chasing. And then there is perfection — what the Indianapolis Colts are trying to avoid. Neither team wants to broach the subject, although both are very aware it's out there.

"I think we're a long way from there," Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers said. "If we're fortunate enough to be still undefeated after 14 or 15 games, maybe we can start talking about what you were talking about."

What the rest of the nation is

talking about: 16-0. And, in the Colts' case, 0-16.

The Packers have been sticking it to just about everyone all season. They lead the NFL in points (382, 34.7 per game) and are near or at the lead in many other offensive categories. Rodgers is having the lights-out sort of season that Tom Brady had in leading the Patriots to their perfect regular season in 2007.

Indeed, there are several similarities between these Packers and those Patriots, including a heavy concentration on passing, a nice mix of veterans and youngsters, and a well-established coaching

staff with a strong ability to adapt during games.

To their credit, the Packers aren't totally ignoring the perfection chatter. "Not to be cliché, it's about the next game," coach Mike McCarthy said. "Because if you don't get No. 12, that talk's over."

The reality is the Packers will be favored in their remaining five games. They visit the Giants on Sunday, then get the Raiders at home, visit the Chiefs, then finish with consecutive home divisional games against the Bears and Lions. It is not an easy path, and Green Bay will deserve the 16-0 mark if it gets there.

Just as Indianapolis will deserve matching the ignominious 0-16 Detroit compiled in 2008. Yes, the

"I don't feel any pressure by it. It's a great place to be. It's nice to be undefeated and to be part of those conversations."

— PACKERS COACH MIKE MCCARTHY

Colts have a monstrous excuse for flopping: Peyton Manning's neck surgery and subsequent sidelining, something they clearly were ill-prepared to deal with.

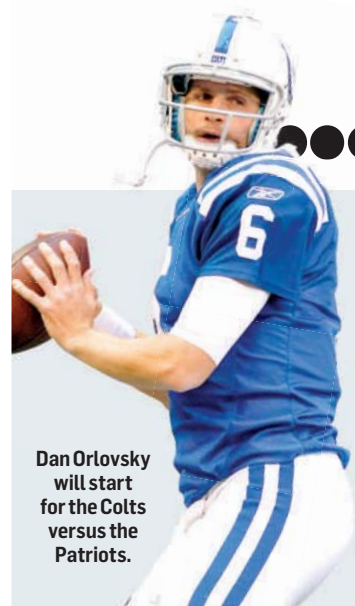
But 0-11? And with some losses against the dregs of the league: Cleveland, Tampa Bay, Kansas City, Jacksonville and, on

Sunday, Carolina.

The old saying that others will step up for the team when a star goes down certainly has not applied in Indy. Instead of stepping up, just about everyone from Reggie Wayne to Dallas Clark to Dwight Freeney have fallen down. And they haven't been able to get up as the losses mount.

Not that the Colts are giving up, even with New England, Baltimore, Tennessee and Houston, a combined 30-14, on the schedule before they finish with at the Jaguars.

"At this point, we're just trying to find a way to get a win," Colts safety Antoine Bethea said. "We've got five games left now, so we got to keep rallying and stick together." BARRY WILNER (AP)



Dan Orlovsky will start for the Colts versus the Patriots.

Changes for the Colts

The winless Colts will have a new quarterback and a new defensive coordinator when they head to New England this weekend. And they may not be finished making changes. On Tuesday, Indianapolis fired defensive coordinator Larry Coyer and announced that quarterback Dan Orlovsky will make his first start since 2008 as the team suffers through its first 0-11 season since 1986. Coach Jim Caldwell, whose own job could be in jeopardy, said the decision on Coyer was made to "improve communication and production." Orlovsky has started seven games in his NFL career, all during the 2008 season when the Detroit Lions went 0-16. (AP)



Colts tight end Dallas Clark is stopped by the Titans in a game on Oct. 30 in Tennessee.

...The Worst of Times

Sports

Suh Suspended 2 Games

Lions tackle hit hard by NFL for stomp in Thanksgiving game

Pro Football

Ndamukong Suh's stomp will cost him two games without pay. It may cost the Lions more than that.

The NFL suspended Detroit's All-Pro defensive tackle on Tuesday for roughing up a Green Bay Packers player in front of a national television audience during a loss on Thanksgiving.

Suh will miss Sunday night's game at New Orleans and a Dec. 11 home game against Minnesota, with the Lions desperately trying to keep pace in the NFC. He won't be reinstated until Dec. 12.

Suh called NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell on Sunday to apologize, but it didn't seem to help. Suh has three days to appeal the suspension, and if he does, the league plans to expedite the hearing to make a decision before the Lions play the Saints.

Suh can't practice or be at the Lions' practice facility for any rea-



Dirty Player?

Ndamukong Suh lifted up his right knee and forcibly stepped on the right arm of Green Bay guard Evan Dietrich-Smith during the third quarter of the Lions' 27-15 loss last Thursday. Suh was ejected but insisted during his post-game news conference that he didn't inten-

tionally step on his opponent. After the Lions criticized his conduct the next day, Suh issued an apology to his teammates, organization and fans — not to Dietrich-Smith — and some in the league said his actions proved he was the NFL's dirtiest player. (AP)

son during the suspension.

Earlier this season, the reigning NFL defensive rookie of the year requested a meeting with Goodell to discuss his play after he drew several penalties. Suh said he had a better understanding of the rules after that meeting four weeks ago.

And yet he will be watching the Lions (7-4) scramble to keep up in the NFC wild-card race after what the league said was his fifth violation of on-field rules in his first two years in the NFL.

Suh has already been fined three times for roughing up quarterbacks and another time for unsportsmanlike conduct. He leads

"It's a different game ... what's deemed crazy now wasn't crazy back in the day."

— MATT MILLEN, A CURRENT ESPN COMMENTATOR AND FORMER NFL LINEBACKER WHOSE CAREER BEGAN THREE DECADES AGO WITH THE RAIDERS.

the league with nine personal fouls since 2010, according to STATS LLC — two more than teammate Cliff Avril and three more than Philadelphia's Jason Babin, San Francisco's Dashon Goldson and Denver's D.J. Williams. (AP)

Downtrodden Jags Fire Del Rio

Pro Football

The Jacksonville Jaguars fired coach Jack Del Rio on Tuesday after a 3-8 start, parting ways with the franchise's second coach during his ninth season.

Del Rio's job security had been tenuous since owner Wayne Weaver said the coach needed to make the playoffs to secure a 10th season in Jacksonville. The Jaguars were essentially eliminated with Sunday's 20-13 loss to AFC South-leading Houston.

The timing of the move made sense since the Jaguars are struggling to sell tickets and host a Monday night game against San Diego. Defensive coordinator Mel Tucker was named the interim coach.

Meanwhile ...

The Jaguars reached an agreement to sell the small-market franchise to Illinois businessman Shahid Khan. Majority owner Wayne Weaver made the announcement Tuesday, hours after he fired coach Jack Del Rio and gave general manager Gene Smith a three-year contract extension. Weaver called Khan "a great American success story" and said the Pakistan-born entrepreneur will keep the team in Jacksonville. (AP)

Del Rio leaves with a 69-73 record, including 1-2 in two playoffs appearances. The Jaguars didn't win the AFC South in any of his nine seasons. (AP)



AWARDS

London Wins

On the heels of a regular season in which he helped transform a bottom-dwelling Virginia football program into a conference title contender, Mike London was named the ACC's coach of the year Tuesday. London is the first Cavaliers coach to win the award since his predecessor, Al Groh, did so in 2007. (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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Sports

Boeheim Receives Vote of Confidence

Syracuse chancellor backs embattled coach amid scandal

Men's College Hoops

Syracuse University Chancellor Nancy Cantor gave men's basketball coach Jim Boeheim a vote of confidence Tuesday amid an investigation of child molestation allegations against his former long-time assistant coach.

Cantor emerged from an economic development conference with state officials and said: "Coach Boeheim is our coach."

Some commentators and advocates for sex abuse victims had said Boeheim should resign or be fired after three men, including two former Syracuse ball boys, accused former assistant coach Bernie Fine of molesting them and Boeheim verbally attacked the accusers.

Also on Tuesday, the Syracuse

On Second Thought



After initially saying Bernie Fine's first two accusers were lying to make money in the wake of the

Penn State University sexual abuse scandal, Syracuse's Jim Boeheim, shown, backed off those comments after Fine's firing on Sunday. "I deeply regret any statements I made that might have inhibited that from occurring or been insensitive to victims of abuse," Boeheim said in a statement. (AP)

police chief said Dennis DuVal, a former SU basketball player who was police chief in 2002, knew of the allegations against Fine. But because the alleged acts stopped 12 years earlier, he thought an arrest was not possible because the statute of limitations had passed. (AP)

United Lands Veteran Defender

Major League Soccer

Despite all of the steps D.C. United took to contend for the postseason in 2011, the team's lack of experienced defenders was ultimately its Achilles' heel down the stretch of another playoff-less year.

United addressed that weakness on Tuesday by acquiring Real Salt

Lake right back Robbie Russell in exchange for a third-round pick in the 2013 MLS SuperDraft.

The 32-year-old defender spent the last four years with RSL — the 2009 MLS champs — after an eight-year stint with clubs in Norway and Denmark, experience that included appearing in the UEFA Champions League. AVI CREDITOR

TV Lineup

HOKIES HOOPS (9:15 P.M., ESPN2)

Virginia Tech tips off against Minnesota in the ACC-Big 10 Challenge.

MASON HOOPS (7 P.M., MASN)

George Mason shoots for a third-straight win when taking on Bucknell in Fairfax.

PRO HOCKEY (7:30 P.M., VERSUS)

The Detroit Red Wings face off

against the Tampa Bay Lightning.

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7:15 P.M., ESPN2; 7:30 P.M. AND 9:30 P.M., ESPN; 11:15 P.M., ESPN2)

In more ACC-Big 10 matchups, Indiana visits N.C. State; Michigan State and Florida State play; and Wisconsin faces North Carolina. Then, Gonzaga challenges Notre Dame.

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Lonely at the Top
Lady Gaga tells People magazine she'll be alone forever **29**



Inside Jokes



Simply 'Happy'

I like my comedy to be different, especially on television. Whether it's the dark, absurdest observations of "Louie," the themed episodes of "Community" or the nested structure of "How I Met Your Mother," I give more credit to shows that generate humor in unconventional ways.



By Rudi Greenberg

So when "Happy Endings," a single-camera sitcom about six Chicago 30-somethings, premiered in April, I wrote it off as another "Friends" clone doomed for cancellation. But after ABC unexpectedly picked up the low-rated series for a second season, a friend persuaded me to give it a shot. A week later, I had a new favorite show.

"Happy Endings" (Wed., 9:30 p.m.) mixes what I like — pop culture riffs, quick punch lines and goofy physical comedy — with a refreshingly straightforward approach. There's no need to Google obscure references or follow complex plot twists. It's quirk free of gimmick, which isn't to say the show doesn't get weird. See: Max (Adam Pally) and Penny's (Casey Wilson) Baby Björn Halloween costume, above.

In an era when the best comedies push the boundaries of story-telling, the sheer simplicity of "Happy Endings" makes it stand out.



Find Rudi's thoughts on the world of comedy in this space every Wednesday.

The Silent Treatment

'The Artist' courts audiences and awards season acclaim the old-fashioned way

Film

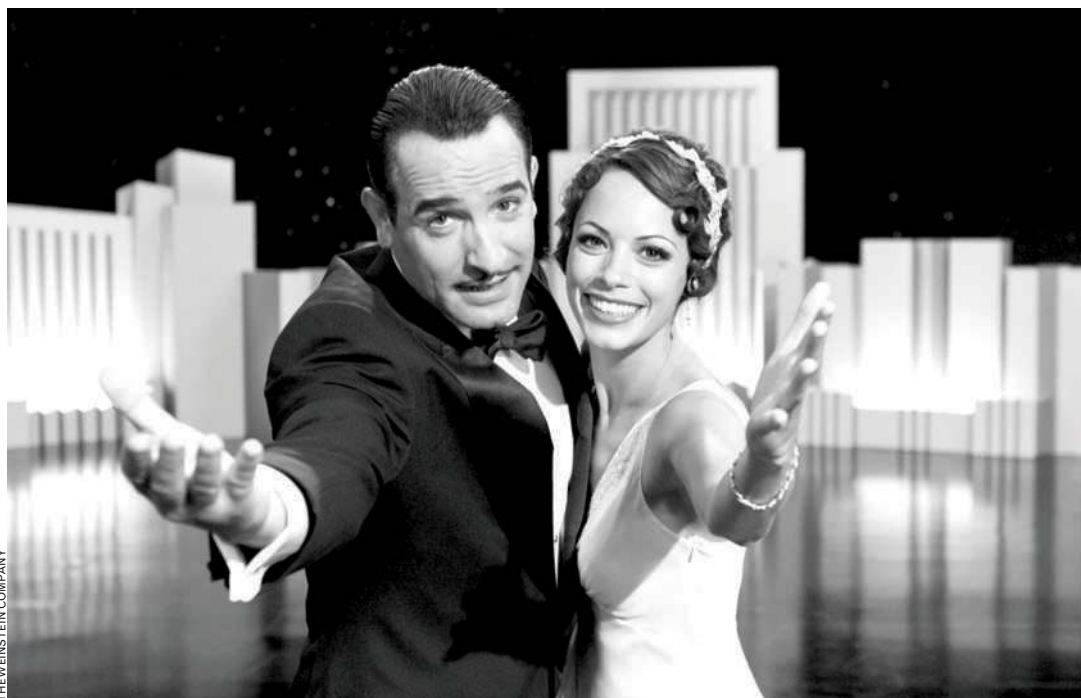
"The Artist" is a dream for film fans, a dilemma for movie-marketing executives. In an age of wide-screen 3-D, rainbow-colored, star-driven spectacles, how do you sell a black-and-white film shot in a 2-D boxy format, with no A-listers and barely a word of spoken dialogue?

There's only one answer. Make people love it so much they do the selling for you, talking it up as one of the freshest, cleverest and sweetest movies they've seen in awhile.

A throwback to the silent-film era, "The Artist" has been winning over audiences since premiering at last May's Cannes Film Festival and could become the first serious silent contender at the Academy Awards since the earliest years of the Oscars.

A couple years ago, French writer-director Michel Hazanavicius felt utterly alone thinking that a silent movie might have a place in today's digital cinema era. "It's something I had in mind for a long, long time, but it's very hard to find the money," he says. "It was like a fantasy. Oh, my dream would be to produce a silent movie. And people would say, 'Yeah, yeah, but in real life, what do you want to do?'"

Then came Hazanavicius' two "OSS 117" spy spoofs, both hits in France. With fresh box-office clout,

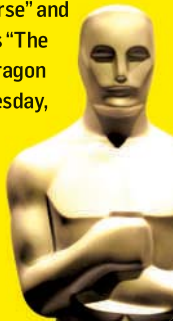


In "The Artist," Jean Dujardin, left, stars as 1920s silent-film star George Valentin. Berenice Bejo, right, plays Peppy Miller.

Awards

A Real Contender

"The Artist" has a strong shot at a best-picture Oscar nomination in a field that could include such heavy-hitters as Steven Spielberg's "War Horse" and David Fincher's "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo." On Tuesday, the New York Film Critics Circle named "The Artist" the year's best film. (AP)



he pitched his silent-movie to producer Thomas Langmann. "Everybody thought I was crazy, and then I found someone more crazy than I was," Hazanavicius says.

Hazanavicius recruited French star Jean Dujardin, his "OSS 117" leading man, for the title role of "The Artist," 1920s Hollywood silent-film sensation George Valentin, whose fortunes abruptly slide as the sound era takes over.

As George tumbles from the top to the bottom, rising talkies star Peppy Miller (Berenice Bejo) becomes a guardian angel trying to look out for her former idol.

Shot in Los Angeles, "The Artist" grandly re-creates old Hollywood

and beautifully weaves from comedy to melodrama, lively action to clever dance numbers. Almost all of the dialogue is told the old-fashioned way — through title cards — but "The Artist" is far from silent. The film features a gorgeous, jazzy musical score and brilliant sound effects that pop from the speakers.

Hazanavicius hopes audiences come out for his quaint little silent film, but it's now up to fans to do the talking and persuade other people to turn up. "I'm sure that people are scared," he says. "Everybody was scared from the very beginning. But they have to trust themselves, and they will enjoy it, if they come."

DAVID GERMAIN (AP)



A 'Big Bang' on Broadway: Jim Parsons, shown, is set to star this summer in a Roundabout Theatre Company revival of the Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy "Harvey" by Mary Chase. A two-time Emmy winner, Parsons made his Broadway debut in Larry Kramer's play "The Normal Heart" earlier this year. The "Big Bang Theory" star will play a man who gets into trouble over his friendship with a 6-foot-tall, invisible white rabbit named Harvey. (AP)

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1 Turn Over a New Leaf

If you have to clear out some space to make room for your anticipated Christmas presents (or so you can walk around your house), Ready Set DC's book swap is a great chance to downsize your personal library. Except that since it's a book swap, you'll probably come away with a few new reads. One donated book gets you in the door, and you can donate further volumes or trade them for books from other attendees.

All donated books will go to Books for Africa. **The Dunes, 1402 Meridian Place NW; 7 p.m., free; Readysetdc.com. (Columbia Heights)**

2 Pensive Observations

Comedian Lauren Weedman, who's made a career of one-woman plays based on her own life, is doing her thing at the Studio Theatre this month with "Bust." The play draws on Weedman's time as a volunteer in a Los Angeles women's prison and on her experiences as a woman trying to make it as a writer and an actress. **Studio Theatre, 150114th St. NW; through Dec. 18, \$35-\$60; 202-332-3300, Studiotheatre.org. (Dupont Circle)**

3 Christmas Comes Early

We offer provisional approval for an event taking place Nov. 30 to be labeled "Christmas," but only

because we love New Orleans piano legend Allen Toussaint, shown.

He'll open at Strathmore's "Christmas With Aaron Neville," probably so named because the soul singer will be performing holiday songs. **Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda; 8 p.m., \$35-\$55; 301-581-5100, Strathmore.org. (Grosvenor-Strathmore)**



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Rapper Freddie Gibbs shows promise on 2 new releases, but he needs new company

Album Review

Freddie Gibbs's best attribute as a rapper is that he's a really good rapper. That's neither the answer to a riddle nor a plainly obvious statement, as smart storytelling and dexterity on the mike are no longer all that's needed to become one of the genre's biggest superstars. Gibbs lacks those other traits — an outsize personality, a star-studded entourage, a multimedia mindset — common in today's chart-toppers and headliners.

So it would seem that Gibbs is resigned to the fate of being a favorite of rap purists, with his no-nonsense gangsta tales appealing mostly to those who think the genre peaked in 1993. But a pair of new releases show Gibbs doesn't need to reinvent himself in order to find a spark, he simply needs to keep new company.

The mixtape "Cold Day in Hell" and EP "Thuggin'" showcase Gibbs in his element — but in slightly different surroundings



FREDDIE GIBBS

Freddie Gibbs' rhymes recall the raw, no-nonsense gangsta rap of the 1990s.



**Cold Day
In Hell**
Thuggin'
Freddie Gibbs

that freshen his sound. That's not immediately apparent on "Cold Day," which features "Rob Me a [Expletive]" and "187 Proof" among its first tracks. They are clinical if a bit cold, with Gibbs fighting to be heard over imposing beats. But when the soundtrack is less forceful, Gibbs keeps going hard,

as tracks such as "B.A.N.ned" and "So Amazin'" feature softer beats that don't compromise his trademark toughness.

Even more promising is "Thuggin'," a collaborative EP with underground beat master Madlib. The title track finds Gibbs spitting rapid-fire verses that serve the title, but this time over a spare and understated symphonic beat. Gibbs is not a shouter, and the subdued track makes him sound more authoritative and sets up what should be a winning template — give him a stark beat and get out of the way.

DAVID MALITZ (THE WASHINGTON POST)

One of Comedy's Best Minds

Actor and comedian Patrice O'Neal dies of stroke complications

Appreciation

Veteran stand-up comic Patrice O'Neal — who gained a wider following through TV and radio and helped roast Charlie Sheen — died Tuesday from complications of a stroke he suffered last month. He was 41.

O'Neal's manager, Jonathan Brandstein, said he died in a New York-area hospital. "Many of us have



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Patrice O'Neal performed at several of Comedy Central's celebrity roasts.

lost a close and loved friend; all of us have lost a true comic genius," he said in a statement.

O'Neal appeared on Conan O'Brien's and David Letterman's TV shows and was a frequent guest on the "Opie & Anthony" radio show.

His performance was a highlight of the Comedy Central roast of Sheen. In a tweet Tuesday, Sheen said, "The entertainment world as well as the world at large lost a brilliant man."

O'Neal had half-hour specials on Showtime and HBO, and was the host of "Web Junk 20" on VH1.

KAREN MATTHEWS (AP)



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'I Hate My Teenage Daughter' may be this fall's worst new show

Premieres

FOX
9:30

A laugh track-driven multi-camera throwback, "I Hate My Teenage Daughter" substitutes unoriginal, mean-spirited one-liners for any conversation resembling human interaction.

Jaime Pressly, who was so brilliantly cast in "My Name Is Earl" as a sharp, self-absorbed survivor, goes against type here as Annie, a survivor of a strict religious upbringing who allows her brat of a daughter, Sophie (Kristi Lauren), to run wild, dress like a tramp and upbraid her with cruel taunts. You wait for her old "Earl" character to emerge and start slapping the ungrateful girl, but, alas, you will wait in vain.

Annie's best friend and wacky neighbor, Nikki (Katie Finneran), was a fat outcast in high school



The "I's" of this new series' title: Katie Finneran, left, and Jaime Pressly, right.

and is similarly insecure. She acts like an emotional doormat around her mean-teen daughter, Mackenzie (Aisha Dee).

In short, both women have spoiled their kids and have re-created the kinds of kids who taunted them in high school. Where does

a show go from here?

"Hate" arrives just in time for critics to include it on their "Worst of 2011" lists. And it may give "The Paul Reiser Show" a run for its money as the worst new show of the year.

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Best Bets

CW
8:00



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8:00

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BRAVO
9:00

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CBS
10:00

The Grammy Nominations Concert Live!! — Countdown to Music's Biggest Night

LL Cool J returns to host this annual concert built around the announcement of the Grammy Award nominations. Lady Gaga will perform. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



Premieres



Old Stars, New Digs

In TV Land's new sitcom, "The Exes" (10:30 p.m.), a divorce lawyer plays den mother to three of her sad-sack former clients who she's set up in an apartment she owns across the hall from her own. With such small-screen luminaries as Kristen Johnston ("3rd Rock From the Sun," left), Donald Faison ("Scrubs") and Wayne Knight ("Seinfeld," right), the laughs come fast and furious. (TM)

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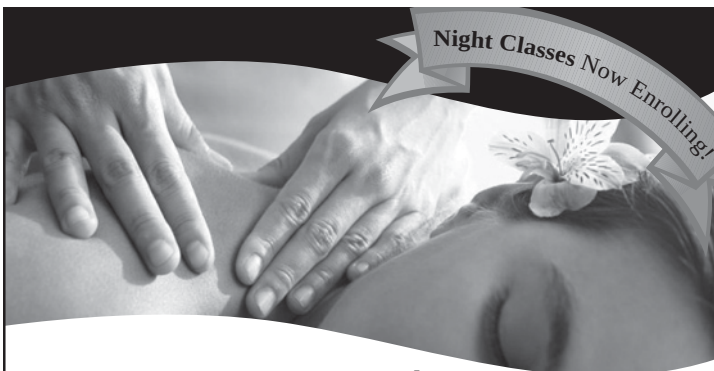
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“Here’s the thing the folks at Vicks don’t understand: Putting an expiration date on something you don’t have to ingest that still works as advertised is not going to deter people from using it past that date. To paraphrase [my] BFF, Vicks is like menthol Twinkies. And the jars are so large — who’s ever gotten to the bottom of a jar of Vicks?”

— With cold season in full swing, **ERINJACKSON.NET** wonders why the menthol medicine maker even bothers with expiration dates on the bottles of VapoRub.

“Focus on being the top female tennis player in the world? Nah. [Caroline Wozniacki]’d rather dance with Dominika Cibulkova instead.”

— **BUZZFEED.COM** was amused by Wozniacki’s antics during a break while playing in an exhibition match in Slovakia this week.

“Have you somehow forgotten about Arizona these past few days? Let’s remember it all over again, for the holidays! Nothing says ‘mythology of the peaceful savior Jesus’ like an Arizona gun club hosting a Guns ‘n Santa family [photo] event.”

— **WONKETTE.COM** was taken aback by the story of a Phoenix gun store that is offering family photos featuring Santa Claus and firearms of each family’s choice.

“The lesson is clear. Don’t put your sperm under your laptop. Unless you’re connected with an Ethernet cord. Or perhaps a dial-up!”

— **BLOGS.VILLAGEVOICE.COM/RUNNING-SCARED** is spooked by a study from Argentinian scientists that found Wi-Fi signals can damage sperm counts.

“We live in a world where, astonishingly, Mike Tyson is actively encouraged to sing. And not any old tune. We live in a world where Mike Tyson is encouraged to sing ‘The Girl From Ipanema.’ We’ve all been waiting for a boxer to go bossa nova, haven’t we?”

— **HECKLERSPRAY.COM** was a bit weirded out by the former boxer’s appearance on a Brazilian television program on Sunday.

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Horoscope

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
The events of the day are likely to fall out exactly as someone predicted — but did you believe the prediction when you heard it?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You may claim to have certain skills, but if you're not willing to put them on display then they are not worth much — are they?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Questions asked today aren't likely to result in the answers you had hoped for — though one or two will surely give you food for thought.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
You may not want to follow the advice you have been given recently, but you may want to borrow the techniques used by one of the experts.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You can prove to others that you belong in the game — and in the end you may actually defy those who expected someone else to win.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You're likely to reach an important marker, and as you pass this halfway point you'll want to think about where you've been.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
What may prove the deciding factor may be discussed and argued over for some time before all is said and done.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
You should be able to keep conflict and controversy to a minimum today — provided you are willing to say what needs to be said.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You'll feel the support behind you as you head off on a journey that will put both your will and your ambition to the test.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Don't hesitate to let a fond memory shape your attitude. Take care that someone else doesn't try to impose his own agenda.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
There is very little chance that you will be able to recapture the glory you felt in a time well-remembered — but it can give you fresh insights.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Quiet time affords you more than rest; you'll enjoy a good deal of honest reflection — and can focus on issues others are avoiding.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 155-165, BEST SCORE 224

U1U1P3H4R1S1B3

E1O1Y4N1K5C3C3

A1A1O1V4R1C3T1

E1I1U1T1T1R1B3

Double Word Score

4th Letter Triple

RACK 1

RACK 2

RACK 3

RACK 4

Yesterday's Solution

L1	I1	B3	E1	R1	T1	Y4	RACK 1 =	74
S1	T1	O1	P3	G2	A1	P3	RACK 2 =	64
L1	O1	A1	N1	I1	N1	G2	RACK 3 =	58
A1	R1	R1	A1	Y4	E1	D2	RACK 4 =	61
PAR SCORE 195-205								TOTAL 257

FOUR RACK TOTAL

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Sudoku

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		1		4			2
4		5		9			
	9						
	1			6		4	3
	6		9		8		7
7		9		2			5
						1	
			3		7		6
6		1			5		

Yesterday's Solution

7	1	5	6	9	3	8	2	4
9	8	4	5	1	2	7	6	3
6	3	2	8	7	4	5	9	1
1	6	8	7	5	9	4	3	2
4	7	9	3	2	6	1	8	5
5	2	3	1	4	8	9	7	6
2	9	6	4	8	1	3	5	7
8	4	7	2	3	5	6	1	9
3	5	1	9	6	7	2	4	8

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Find another puzzle in the Comics section of The Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

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Comics

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POOCH CAFE | PAUL GILLIGAN

I COMPLAIN A LOT ABOUT THE SOUL-CRUSHING INDIGNITIES OF BEING A PURSE DOG.

BUT AT LEAST I GET ACCESS TO MOVIE THEATERS AND ERRANT POPCORN.

I CAN... JUST ABOUT...

PLOTCH!

WUP WUP WUP WUP

THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH YAPS IN THE WORLD TO FILL THIS VOID.

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | STEPHAN PASTIS

EXCUSE ME, STEPH, BUT MAY I MAKE A LITTLE ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT A LOOMING SHORTAGE IN ONE OF THE WORLD'S RESOURCES?

I GUESS SO. WHAT IS IT?

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52 | 35

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52 | 38

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Looking Ahead



FRI 56 | 38 SAT 52 | 37 SUN 54 | 45

Sun and Moon

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Moonset today: 10:39 p.m.

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Puzzles

Crossword

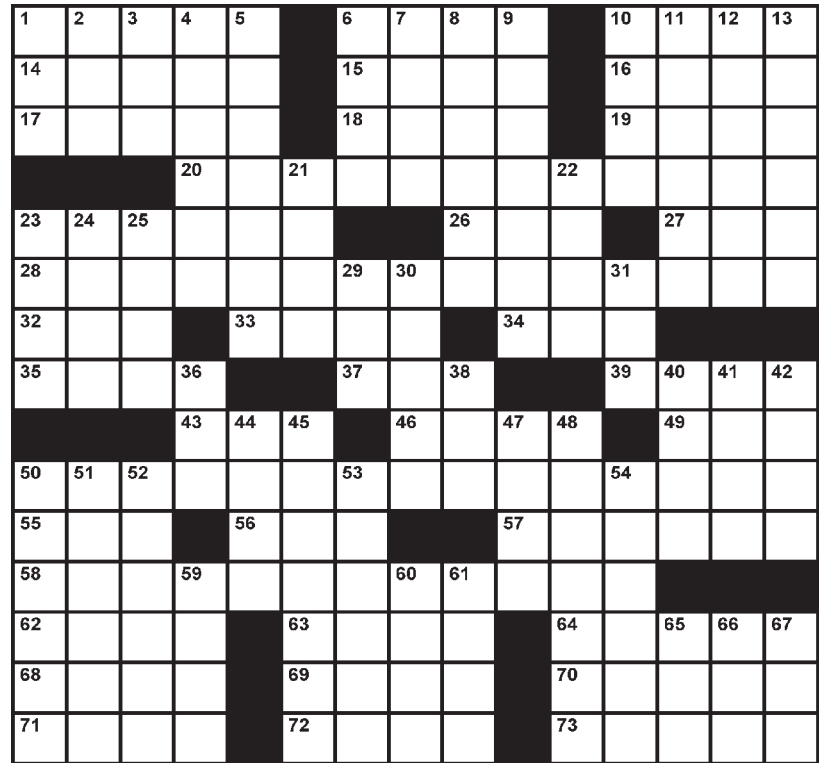
TIME FLIES

ACROSS

- 1 Wed on the run
6 Aromatherapy spots
10 Buenos ____! ("Good day!")
14 Turn red, as a tomato
15 Teller's partner
16 "Mamma Mia!" group
17 Civilization conquered by Cortez
18 Shorthand for burglary: B ____
19 Type of jet
20 Start of a timely quip
23 Octad plus one
26 Miner's vein contents
27 Hotel addition?
28 Timely quip (Part 2)
32 Health supplement chain
33 Sprinter's goal
34 General on a Chinese menu
35 Talk back to
37 Baseball arbiter, for short
39 Washing-up pitcher
43 ____ Vegas, Nevada
46 Greek peak
49 Santa ____, Calif.
50 Timely quip (Part 3)
55 "____ the ramparts we watched ..."
56 Suffix with "super" or "infer"
57 Polar formation
58 End of a timely quip
62 "When I Was ____" ("H.M.S. Pinafore" song)
63 Cash register drawer
64 Instruments in military bands
68 Like old generals (abbr.)
69 Grandson of Adam and Eve
70 "Ready or not, here ____!"
71 Memorable WWII event
72 Prefix meaning "ten"
73 Put an end to

DOWN

- 1 Period of history
2 Taylor or Claiborne
3 Take one's pick
4 Little kids' baseball



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league

- 5 Bewitch
6 Extend ACROSS
7 ____-up (confined)
8 "You said a mouthful!"
9 More than frown on
10 Surrealist Salvador
11 European peninsula
12 Humiliated
13 "No Exit" dramatist Jean-Paul
21 Norse literary collection
22 Come clean (with "up")
23 Heart charts, for short
24 "Peter Pan" pooch
25 The Giants won it in 2010, the Cards in 2011
29 "The Simpsons" storekeeper
30 Take another crack at

the lawn

- 31 He slapped Larry
36 Full of cunning
38 It comes before omega
40 Former females' service grp.
41 One-named "Watermark" singer
42 Wood file
44 All in the family
45 Like a pig's face
47 Chef's direction
48 Self-denying one
50 In the direction of
51 Followed closely, like a dog
52 Printing goofs
53 He's a real weasel
54 Conclude
59 Circular water movement

60 Common interest group

- 61 "Born Free" lioness
65 Snake that squeezes its prey
66 Pro-____ (mixed tournaments)
67 Visualize

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1960 The last DeSoto is built by Chrysler, which had decided to retire the brand after 32 years.

2010 Pentagon leaders call for scrapping the 17-year-old "don't ask, don't tell" ban after releasing a survey about the prospect of openly gay troops.

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LEGAL STUFF

The 'You Close the Card, I Get the Kids' Post-Nup Clause Is Now in Effect

According to court papers obtained by TMZ.com, Usher's ex-wife, Tameka Raymond, wants Usher to be stripped of joint physical custody of their two children. Her filing contains multiple complaints about his violations of their custody agreement and failure to pay child support; it also notes that Usher closed her Saks Fifth Avenue credit card. (EXPRESS)

TACT

Kids: The Reason You Can't Say You Regret Marriage

Guy Ritchie, ex-husband of Madonna, says of his marriage, "I stepped into a soap opera, and I lived in it for quite a long time." "It's definitely not something I regret," Ritchie told Details magazine. "The experience was ultimately very positive. I love the kids that came out of it, and I could see no other route to take. But you move on, don't you?" (EXPRESS)



People who look like actors but are actually just directors confuse us.

Reciprocity



She Nagged You? Better Insult Her!

Sources inside the Kris Humphries camp tell RadarOnline.com that the new season of "Kourtney & Kim Take New York" is unfair. "It's just not a true depiction about what was actually going on. ... Kris did jokingly say that Kim ate too much wedding cake, but what viewers didn't see was Kim nagging Kris about working." (EXPRESS)



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DATING

Gaga's OKCupid Profile Is a Real Downer

In a new interview with Vanity Fair, Lady Gaga says she fears she'll be single for the rest of her life. "I have an inability to know what happiness feels like with a man," she says. "It's a hideous place to be in when someone that you love has convinced you that you will never be good enough for anyone," she explains. "I only know the happiness of putting a smile on someone's face from the stage." (EXPRESS)



JEALOUSY

Kim's Not Happy That Gaga Got the Bigger 'I'm Soooooo Alone' Media Treatment

In a new interview with Glamour, Kim Kardashian says she fears she'll be single forever. "What I want isn't possible," she says. "At this moment in my life, I feel like maybe I'm not supposed to have kids and all that," she explains. "That's how I feel." (EXPRESS)

"Hugh is much more mature than me, so we balance each other out. And heaven forbid I have a human experience and carry a little weight."



— DEBORRA-LEE FURNESS TELLS THE NEW YORK POST THAT SHE AND HUBBY HUGH JACKMAN ARE FINE WITH THEIR 13-YEAR AGE DIFFERENCE (SHE'S OLDER) AND WITH HER PHYSIQUE.

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